THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a Yes, Sir. except at Nalgonda.

(b) The daily average sale of tickets has dropped from 212 to 80 at Guntur, from 55 to 4 at Sattenapalli from 11 to 6 at Miryalaguda. At Nalgonda, the sale of tickets increased from 7 to 10 per day. This has been re-examined. Since there is no drop in through passengers, it is not desirable to alter the existing schedule of the train.

Introduction of Rajdhani Express Type Superfast Train to State Capitals

349. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Rajdhani Express type Superfast trains to every State capital; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the trains proposed to be introduced in the current financial year and also in the remaining years of the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present a proposal for introduction of Rajdhani Express between Nizamuddin and Madras during the next Financial year is under active consideration.

Changes in policy of Manufacture of Railway Wagons

350. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to effect some changes in respect of policy of manufacture of railway wagons;

(b) whether these proposed changes would affect the viability of wagons manufacturing engineering industries under Public sector, located mainly in Eastern Region of the country and also the economy and employment scenario of the Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take so that economy and employment avenues of the Eastern Region are protested and engineering PSUs of the area remain visible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c Do not arise.

Railway Accidents

351. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several railway accidents have taken place during the past one year in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the losses suffered in both human lives and properties;

(c) whether responsibility has been fixed in each case; and

(d) steps taken to minimise such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the financial year 1991-92, 530 train accidents occurred over all Indian Railways which is inclusive of 30 collisions, 444 derailments, 47 level crossing gate accidents and 9 cases of fire in trains. As a result of these accidents, 229 pesrons lost their lives, 884 were injured and the cost of damage to railway property has been assessed as Rs. 25.40 crores.

(c) Each and every accident is inquired into and based on the out-